

FEBRUARY

City Of San Antonio Calendar Of Events 2016

1 - 29**SYMPHONY AT SAPL**

Join us for lively afternoons with the San Antonio Symphony musicians as they share their love of music and professional experience with guests of all ages. Musicians will visit branch libraries Saturdays at 2 p.m. For a full calendar of Symphony at SAPL events, visit MySAPL.org.

1 - 29**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Join SAPL this February as we celebrate Black History Month, a time to honor and recognize the central role of Black Americans in U.S. history. SAPL celebrates Black History Month with a variety of special events and programs. Call (210) 207-2500 or visit MySAPL.org.

1 - 29**KELSEY MONTAGUE INTERACTIVE PUBLIC ART MURALS**

Montague is traveling the world completing murals as part of the "What Lifts You" campaign. The public is encouraged to post pictures with the murals on social media under the hashtag #whatliftsyou. The murals will be up for a limited time, so don't miss them! Travis Park, 217 Houston Street and Houston Street Garage. Free. Email kelly.kapaun@sanantonio.gov for details.

1 - 29**OPEN - DOWNTOWN POP UP SHOPS**

Stop by La Villita and check out the Pop-up Shops being showcased during the month of February! Don't miss your chance to visit four, unique, temporary retail locations which include: Capistrano Soap Company, Blue Labels Boutique, NIOSA, and Scarlett Dove. Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at La Villita Historic Arts Village, 418 Villita St. Call (210) 207-3914 or visit OpenSanAntonio.com.

2**PRE-K 4 SA ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

Pre-K 4 SA begins accepting online applications for the 2016-2017 school year on February 2nd. Pre-K 4 SA is a full day pre-k program for children age 4. Visit SanAntonio.Gov/PreK to learn more about the program and how to apply. Call (210) 206-7735 for details.

4**LOVE POEMS TO SAN ANTONIO OPENING RECEPTION AND READING**

The Department for Culture & Creative Development hosts the opening reception for Love Poems to San Antonio, a signature initiative by San Antonio Poet Laureate Laurie Ann Guerrero, who will read a selection of poems. Guests are invited to view an architecturally integrated text-based art installation of more than 30 poems that celebrate San Antonio. Exhibit will remain on display through February 28. 6-8 p.m. Free. Culture Commons, 115 Plaza de Armas. Call (210) 206-ARTS (2787) or visit GetCreativeSanAntonio.com.

6**WINTER FITNESS HIKE**

Feel the calming effect of nature with a two-hour fitness hike along Main Loop and Restoration Way trails at Friedrich Wilderness Park. This hike will cover 4.5 miles of picturesque trails across canyon tops, meadows, and woodlands. Be sure to bring adequate water! 10 a.m.-noon. Friedrich Wilderness Park, 21395 Milsa. \$3 per person donation is suggested. RSVP required. Call (210) 207-3782 or email nicole.mcLeod@sanantonio.gov.

6**WATERSHED WISE**

The San Antonio River Authority (SARA) will present an engaging, hands-on activity to help spark curiosity and create a joy for learning about the San Antonio River. Kid-friendly activity included. 9-11 a.m. Phil Hardberger Park Urban Ecology Center classroom, 8400 NW Military Hwy. \$3 per person or \$5 per family donation is suggested. Call (210) 207-3280 for details.

6**WESTERN HERITAGE PARADE AND CATTLE DRIVE**

Join us as we celebrate our proud Texas heritage and the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo! Kid's games, family activities and chuck wagon biscuits and gravy will be located at Alamo Plaza. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Parade begins at 11 a.m., and runs from Houston Street to Alamo Plaza. Free. Visit SARodeo.com/attractions/western-heritage-parade for details.

6 & 7**A CHOCOLATE AFFAIR AT MARKET SQUARE!**

Tempt your taste buds with confectioneries from premier local and regional chocolatiers. Purchase and enjoy free samples throughout Market Square, while supplies last. Free. Historic Market Square, 514 W. Commerce St. Call (210) 207-8600 or visit GetCreativeSanAntonio.com/ExploreSanAntonio/MarketSquare.aspx.

11**MLK, JR. DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES: LEVAR BURTON**

The San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, in partnership with St. Philip's College, presents a conversation with LeVar Burton – award-winning actor, director, producer, television host and author. Burton is best known for his role in "Roots," and as the host and executive producer of the long-running PBS children's series, "Reading Rainbow." Free. St. Philip's College, 1801 Martin Luther King Drive. Call (210) 486-2670 for details.

11**COMMANDER'S HOUSE VALENTINE'S DAY SOCIAL**

Bring your favorite sweetheart, treats and desserts and join us for dancing, bingo and more! Free. 1:30-3 p.m. Commander's House, 622 S. Flores. Call (210) 207-3010 to reserve your spot.

12**4TH ANNUAL VALENTINE MURDER MYSTERY PARTY**

Adults and seniors, 18 and older are invited to sharpen their sleuthing skills, during the fourth annual Valentine Murder Mystery Party. Music will be provided by the Ukulele Ladies & Gents and refreshments will be served. See staff get involved in the mystery or just come and watch. 7-9 p.m., Lions Field Adult & Senior Center, 2809 Broadway. Call (210) 207-5380 for details.

13**AMERICAN RED CROSS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

Festivities for the whole family! 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Call (210) 207-3677 or visit TravisParkSA.com.

13**SECOND SATURDAY: CREATE A TEXAS WILDScape**

Native plants with special features can create beautiful landscapes that produces a haven for interesting birds and butterflies. Learn how to create a design on paper, what features to incorporate, as well as some common drought-hardy plants to include. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Friedrich Wilderness Park Classroom, 21395 Milsa. \$3 per person or \$6 per family donation is suggested. RSVP required. Call (210) 207-3782 for details.

13**NATIVE PLANT WALK**

Enjoy a guided tour along the Medina River led by Bill Carr, Botanist for the Texas Nature Conservancy. Mr. Carr will offer a hands-on discussion about the many important native plants that live in the Medina River Natural Area. 9:15-11 a.m., Medina River Natural Area Pavilion, 15890 Hwy. 16 S. No registration is required. \$3 per person or \$5 per family donation is suggested. Call (210) 207-3103 for details.

13**LIFEGUARD CLINIC**

Teens, college students, and adults 16 and over, are invited to attend and apply to become a lifeguard. Applicants must take or schedule a required skills test. Refreshments will be served. Noon-2 p.m. San Antonio Natatorium, 1430 W. Cesar Chavez. Call (210) 207-3299 for details.

14**MARKET MARRIAGE DAY**

Declare your love publicly and renew your wedding vows in a group ceremony at Market Square from 2-3 p.m. Free. Historic Market Square, 514 W. Commerce St. Call (210) 207-8600 or visit GetCreativeSanAntonio.com/ExploreSanAntonio/MarketSquare.aspx.

18**COWBOY BREAKFAST POTLUCK & BINGO**

Dress in western wear, play cowboy bingo, and bring your favorite breakfast dish to share and celebrate "Cowboy Breakfast," the Granados way. Free. 9-10:30 a.m., Granados Adult and Senior Center, 500 Freiling. Call (210) 207-3285 to register.

19**FAMILY FLASHLIGHT NIGHT**

Encounter nighttime insects, stargaze, and test your directional skills in a light maze. Be sure to bring your flashlight and maybe a sweater in case it's a cool night. Regular admission. 6-8:30 p.m., Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. Call (210) 536-1400 or visit SABOT.org.

19**NATIVE PLANT WALK**

Explore the 11 acre Texas Native Trail with a Master Naturalist. 10 a.m., San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. Free with paid admission. Call (210) 536-1400 or visit SABOT.org.

19**REVERIE LUNCH**

Join Rigoberto Luna and Carmen Tafolla for a lunch discussion about the Love Poems to San Antonio project. Carmen Tafolla, Texas State Poet Laureate, will share insights to the process of writing love poetry and will read her love poem to San Antonio. Local artist Rigoberto Luna will discuss his inspiration for the graphic design installation of the poems. Noon. Lunch provided by Café O'liva for a \$5 suggested donation. Culture Commons, 115 Plaza de Armas. Call (210) 206-ARTS (2787) or visit GetCreativeSanAntonio.com.

20**MEET THE ARTIST: LONG-BIN CHEN**

New York-based artist Long-Bin Chen will visit the Central Library to discuss the process of creating his book sculptures. Visit with the artist as he shares his process and what inspires him. Long-Bin Chen is internationally known for his transformational sculptures made using printed materials like books, newspapers and magazines. Registration is required. 2 p.m. Free. Central Library, 600 Soledad. Call (210) 207-2500 or visit MySAPL.org.

20**BIRD WALK**

Enjoy birds in native habitats during a morning bird walk led by an experienced guide. Bring binoculars. Ages 10 and up. 9 a.m. Meet at Carriage House, San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. Free with paid admission. Call (210) 536-1400 or visit SABOT.org.

20**TREES OF SOUTH TEXAS WALK**

Presenter Mark Peterson will lead an educational walk through the park to discuss the many varieties of trees found in South Texas. 10 a.m.-noon, Phil Hardberger Park East Classroom, 13203 Blanco Rd. \$3 per person or \$5 per family donation is suggested. Call (210) 207-3280 for details.

23**AN EVENING IN TRAVIS PARK**

Guests will enjoy Mardi Gras fun and flavor with live entertainment, food trucks, family-friendly activities and much more. Downtown Tuesday has free parking available after 5 p.m. at City operated garages, lots and meters. 5-8 p.m. Free. 301 E. Travis St. Call (210) 207-3677 or visit TravisParkSA.com.

26**CAPIROTADA SOCIAL**

Come and sample various styles of bread puddings from this region along with other pastry favorites. Your dish is your admission. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Commander's House, 622 S. Flores. Call (210) 207-3010 for details.

27**SUNRISE BIRD WALK**

Patsy & Alan Kuentz and Lora Reynolds will lead participants on walk to spot the many beautiful birds that can often be seen in the park. 8-10 a.m. Phil Hardberger Park Urban Ecology Center classroom, 8400 NW Military Hwy. \$3 per person or \$5 per family donation is suggested. Call (210) 207-3280 for details.

27 & 28**MARKET SQUARE RODEO ROUNDUP**

Join in the Rodeo festivities and celebration at Market Square! Enjoy live entertainment, food, shopping and horse rides for the kids from noon-6 p.m. Free. Historic Market Square, 514 W. Commerce St. Call (210) 207-8600 or visit GetCreativeSanAntonio.com/ExploreSanAntonio/MarketSquare.aspx.

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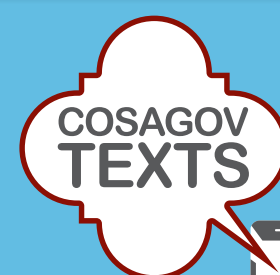


BLACK HISTORY MONTH - FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL CELEBRATE WITH A VARIETY OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS THAT FOCUS ON HISTORICAL FIGURES AS WELL MODERN-DAY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY BLACK AMERICANS TO SCIENCE, EDUCATION, CULTURE AND THE ARTS. CALL (210) 207-2500 OR VISIT MYSAPL.ORG.

Pre-K4SA

PRE-K 4 SA 2016-2017 APPLICATION PERIOD BEGINS FEBRUARY 2 - PRE-K 4 SA IS A FULL-DAY PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM FOR FOUR-YEAR-OLDS LIVING IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO. PRE-K 4 SA IS FREE FOR QUALIFYING STUDENTS AND ALSO ACCEPTS TUITION-PAYING STUDENTS. THE SCHOOL DAY BEGINS AT 8 A.M. AND ENDS AT 3 P.M. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE FROM 7:15 A.M. UNTIL 6 P.M. BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND TWO SNACKS ARE INCLUDED AND FREE TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COMING TO PRE-K 4 SA, WE INVITE YOU TO APPLY TO ATTEND ONE OF OUR FOUR EDUCATION CENTERS OR VISIT: SANANTONIO.GOV/PRE-K4SANANTONIO/ENROLLMENTOVERVIEW/APPLICATION/PREKAPPLICATION.



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